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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed applicant believes, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced

application. Therefore, applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with the submission of this paper. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

A copy of the International Search Report and Written Opinion from International application No. PCT/US04/02966, which sets forth the categories of the cited references, is also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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